

SHOWS NO REGRET FOR DOING MURDER

Prisoner Claims Sister-in-Law
He Killed Had Nagg'd
at Him.

FOUND ASLEEP IN FIELD

Taken Without Trouble and
Lodged in Jail at
Princess Ann.

Cape Charles, Va., August 13.—James L. Polk, who shot his sister-in-law, Mrs. James H. Lawrence, of New York, in Pocomoke last night, was captured about midnight in an old pasture field, about one half-mile from the scene of the shooting. He was aroused from a drunken sleep by the calling of ex-Sheriff Townsend, and made resistance when told that he was wanted. He said he would go with Townsend, but would not surrender to a crowd. He had a loaded gun with him, which he turned over at the request of the officer. He was taken to his home, where he got clean clothing, after which he was turned over to the deputy sheriff of Somerset county, and was taken to the jail at Princess Anne. He gave a rather incoherent version of why he shot Mrs. Lawrence, saying he was constantly nagged and interfered with, she wanting to control his affairs.

This is the second shooting trouble Polk has been in. He was tried about a year ago for shooting at his wife, and the court let him go on promise of future good conduct. Mrs. Polk, though in no danger, also received a few of the shot, she being in the line of fire, although Polk did not fire at her. Polk expressed love for his wife, and before being taken to jail his one regret was that he could not see his youngest boy. He seems to feel that he was justified in the shooting of Mrs. Lawrence, saying he had told her he would kill her if she did not stop meddling in his affairs.

The Polk family, of which he is a member, stands high in the county of Somerset, and many persons believe that from the constant use of whiskey his reason has become affected.

Polk is a very large man, and is forty-eight years old.

Mrs. Lawrence came from her home in New York to protect her sister from alleged inhuman treatment given her by Polk. In a quarrel which followed the upbraiding of Polk by Mrs. Lawrence, he became enraged, seized a double-barreled shotgun and emptied the contents into her body as she ran screaming from the house.

Polk, who is a brother of W. U. Polk, superintendent of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railroad Company, is well known.

VESEL TO CROSS DESERT

Steamboat Will Navigate Canyon of
the Colorado River.

San Francisco, August 13.—One of the strangest projects of navigation ever known is to be put under way with the completion of a steamboat

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that is now being constructed at a local ship yard. The craft is first to cross a desert and then is to be launched on the Colorado River and navigate part of its deep canyons. She will be seventy feet long, of eighty-three tons, and will be driven by a steam wheel.

She is being built for the use of the American Placer Mining Company, of Chicago, which has been conducting some large operations in taking acid from the bed of the Colorado Canyon at Lee's Ferry, Arizona. This is the only crossing on the river for hundreds of miles, because the stream runs through great sand cliffs which start well up in Utah, and a few miles below the ferry it dips into the Marble Canyon, which then leads into the Grand Canyon, and the water goes through the Buckskin Mountains far below their summit.

Although the river throughout most of its course is wild with rapids and falls, there is a long stretch in the vicinity of the ferry where it runs smoothly and the current is not too strong. It is for the purpose of taking workers and supplies up and down stream in the gold operations and for carrying coal from a deposit that has been found in the Marble Canyon that the vessel is being built. She will have a speed of ten miles an hour, enough to overcome the current and will enable the gold hunters to reach places now inaccessible.

The boat will be built as any other, and after she is completed she will be taken apart, put on a train, and taken to Flagstaff, Arizona. From this point she must be taken over a sandy waste for 200 miles by wagon. At Lee's Ferry a crew of men from the ship yards will put her together again and launch her. The operation will be costly, but the miners expect to pay for the steamboat soon with the wider operations and make her a fine investment.

Persons who have been at the ferry will await with interest the attitude the Navajo Indians will take when they first behold this monster of the water as they cross the river for the trading with the whites. Nothing the whites have brought to their attention so far has shaken their stolid calm, but this revelation may do so.

NOT AT ZENITH OF ITS POWER

Cabinet Reaches Acme of Fortunes
With Passing of
Veto Bill.

SUN'S DECLINE IMPENDING

Home Rule and Other Troublesome
Matters Will Test
Artificial Coalition.

London, August 13.—With the rising of Parliament this week until October, the Radical government has reached the zenith of its fortunes. The Parliament bill has become law, and the ministers have obtained an access of prestige for converting the absolute veto of the peers into a suspensive veto and thus providing for passage of Liberal measures hereafter.

It is a triumph which carries Mr. Asquith's name high among England's great Prime Ministers and imparts increased authority to his every Cabinet associate. He and they are stronger to-day than they can ever be again, for the coalition factions have been kept together by the necessity for the enactment of the Parliament bill, and now that the work has been done the ministerial fortunes will inevitably decline. Each group will insist upon having the supremacy of the Commons employed for its own benefit, and will be irritated and disappointed when co-operation is demanded.

Home Rule Difficulties.
Apart from the separatist tendencies of the artificial coalition there is the supreme difficulty of framing a home rule bill which Mr. Redmond can accept and reconciling Protestant Ulster to it. The Gladstonian scheme is now impracticable, and a separate Irish Legislature and administration must be financed at the expense of the British taxpayers. Home rule is a brilliant garden of thistles, and Mr. Redmond will have the thankless task of reducing the Parnell policy to practical form when more than half the land has changed hands and there is a new Ireland which hardly knows what it really wants.

Fresh problems arising from subordinate Parliaments for Scotland and Wales may be raised simultaneously, and with them will be connected most troublesome matters relating to education, disestablishment, land reform, licensing, plural voting, trade union policy and agricultural legislation. It is not strange, therefore, that the Radical, seeing the sun momentarily at the zenith, are already fancying that it is beginning to decline.

Unionists, on the other hand, while deeply depressed by factional spirit and the passage of the Parliament bill, are forced to rally to the home rule question and to concentrate their efforts upon making it an unpopular issue. Fanatics among them are blacklisting the bishops and peers who delivered the government from the necessity of creating peers and booing the "traitors" at the Carlton, Constitutional and St. Stephen's Clubs, but these aberrations of heated period of politics will speedily pass.

Fighting Spirit Developed.
The stalwarts, with their errors of judgment, have developed a fighting spirit which will be serviceable in restoring the party to power. Loyalty to party leaders will revive with the disappearance of the puppet peers and the constitutional issues, and the ranks will be closed for vigorous campaigning against the unsettling forces of Radicalism.

While the King's name has been freely dragged into the slums of Westminster politics, his prestige has not suffered. Even excitable Tory fire-eaters are constrained to admit that he has acted with dignity and firmness as a constitutional monarch, and has not sacrificed the reputation of the crown for impartiality and non-partisanship. He had the benefit of King Edward's example and Lord Knollys's advice, and has not swerved from a straightforward course as trustee and arbiter of nation and empire.

F.A. MUNSEY TOWED A BALTIMORE BELLE

Philadelphia, August 13.—After twelve years of the most persistent wooing, society and business circles here have received information that Frank A. Munsey, publisher, at last has been successful and that his engagement to Miss Lota Robinson, of Baltimore, will soon be announced. Mr. Munsey is about fifty-seven years of age, and the woman who has been picked as his bride and for whom he has made such a persistent fight is about twenty-two years his junior.

Mr. Munsey first met Miss Robinson, who is one of the belles of Baltimore, about twelve years ago. She was still a bud, and a beautiful one, just rounding into womanhood. She immediately captured the heart of the publisher, who was thought to be a confirmed bachelor. Then began a chase which reached almost around the world, Mr. Munsey being the chaser and Miss Robinson the chased.

Wherever Miss Robinson was, there also was Mr. Munsey. The chase went from Baltimore to Europe and even to far-off China and return, and then back to Europe several times. It is understood by close friends of Miss Robinson that the publisher has laid his heart and fortune at the feet of the Baltimore beauty several times, but not until ten days ago was he accepted.

GUNN'S CONSECRATION

Services Will Be Held in Atlanta
Later Part of This Month.
Atlanta, Ga., August 13.—The Rev. John E. Gunn, pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, who recently was appointed bishop of the Diocese of Natchez, Miss., probably will be consecrated in Atlanta during the latter part of August, according to an announcement made at the Church of the Sacred Heart this morning. It will be the first Catholic Episcopal consecration ever held in Atlanta, and the services, it is expected, will be attended by representatives of the Catholic Church from many parts of the country.

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News of Petersburg.

Times-Dispatch Bureau,
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Petersburg, Va., August 13.

Interest in the Beattie case in this city and vicinity is so great that many people will go out to Chesterfield Courthouse to-morrow with the expectation of getting a view of some of the chief witnesses.

No Action Yet.
The First Baptist Church has not as yet taken any formal action relative to the call of a pastor to succeed the Rev. W. C. Taylor, resigned. This will be a matter for careful and prayerful consideration. Dr. Taylor will not leave Petersburg for several weeks. The Rev. J. J. Taylor, D. D., of Knoxville, Tenn., occupied the pulpit of the church to-day.

House-Breakers Arrested.
Two negroes, William Price and John Furman, have been arrested and lodged in the jail of Prince George county, charged with breaking into and robbing the home of a colored man in the county. Among other things, they got quite a large sum of money. Since the completion of the work of the Norfolk and Western line around the city a good many strange negroes have been turned loose, and this may account for the

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Strapped on Bed, He Is Carried Into Country
and Burned to Death—Pennsylvania Town
Scene of Gruesome Lynching.

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A few minutes after 9 o'clock a crowd numbering almost 1,000 persons appears at the hospital. The leaders were unable to gain admission, but quickly smashed the window frames and crawled through the corridor. A policeman who had been placed on duty to watch Walker was the only person in the building who had not placed his hands over the policeman's eyes while others who had entered the building set about to take their man from the hospital.

When Walker was taken to the hospital he was strapped down in order to prevent his escape. The mob, seeing this, gathered up the bed and men, started for the country. They left the town by way of the Towerville Road, and when half a mile from the hospital stopped at a farm house. Here they entered a field and quickly gathering up a pile of dry grass and weeds, placed the bed containing their victim upon it. The negro was begging piteously to be released, but his pleadings fell upon deaf ears. A match was placed to the pile of grass and the flames shot up quickly, entirely enshrouding the screaming victim. That not a vestige of the murderer be left, the mob tore down the fence along the road and piled the rails upon the burning negro.

After waiting for half an hour the mob dispersed as quietly as it had come. A curious feature of the burning was the fact that there were almost as many women in the crowd as men. During the march from the hospital to the scene of the burning of the negro, a distance of less than three-quarters of a mile, not a policeman was encountered by the determined mob. Even the man on duty in the hospital made no effort to stop the fifteen or more leaders who had gained admittance to the institution.

The only mask worn by the members of the mob were handkerchiefs drawn loosely over their faces. That the burning of the negro was designed and carried out by level-headed men there can be no doubt. It was not the work of men whose nerves had been wrought up to the danger point by overindulgence, but rather that of a body of determined men who were ready to take any kind of a chance to avenge the death of a respectable citizen who had been shot down in cold blood.

Coatesville is a town of about 10,000 persons, and is located on the main

recent robberies and holdups in Prince George.

Property Transfers.
Real estate transfers in the city during the past several weeks have been rather few in number and unimportant in character. The two most important deeds recorded 'the past week were those of Annie B. Seward to Hatcher S. Seward, house and lot on Hinton Street, for \$2,000, and W. A. Bond to Charles E. Harwell, vacant lot on Friend Street, for \$1,800.

Personal Notes.
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Worth left yesterday for New York for a visit of some days.
Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Carroll, of Foster, O., and children, are visiting Mrs. Carroll's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Foster, in Chesterfield county.

Alleged Felonious Assault.
A warrant was issued this morning for the arrest of Robert Crocker, a negro, for felonious assault on a colored boy named Ward. The assault was committed with a block or stick of wood. The boy's skull was fractured, and his condition is said to be very serious. Crocker, who has not yet been caught, has served a term in the penitentiary, and his brother is now serving a long sentence in the penitentiary for the murder of his wife.

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News of South Richmond

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In order to be present when the case of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., is presented to the grand jury of the Chesterfield County Circuit Court this morning, it is expected that scores of people from South Richmond will journey to the courthouse, three miles from Centerville. Having been a life-long resident of Manchester, Henry Beattie is well known to nearly every man, woman and child in the community. Interest in the case is nowhere as deep as here.

Many persons on Saturday arranged for conveyances of all descriptions to take them to the courthouse, while others will go to Centerville by trolley and walk the remaining distance. By far the majority of the crowd which will be present to-day will be from Washington Ward.

There is much speculation about whether the trial will begin within the next few days or be continued for a longer time. This question has proved an absorbing one, and constant discussion pro and con has led to a division of those who say the case will be opened immediately and those who

IN PRISON SIX YEARS ON GIRL'S FALSE CHARGE

Polo Pony Trainer, Sentenced to
Twelve Years, Found to Be
Innocent.

New York, August 13.—Stephen Smith, known to almost every polo player in America who has served six years of a twelve-year sentence in Sing Sing prison, having been convicted on a charge made by Rhoda Smith, of Jamaica, L. I., who was eight years old at the time she was released.

An investigation by a doctor has shown that the charge made by the girl at the time was untrue, and Wallace G. Collins, an assistant district attorney of Queens county, said last night that if an application were made to obtain the release of Smith, he would assist it in any way he could.

Stephen Smith was a trainer of polo ponies, and was well known on Long Island. He had money in the banks at Bay Shore, and was the owner of twenty polo ponies. At the time of his arrest he was boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Smith, parents of the girl. After he had been indicted and had been sentenced by County Judge Humphrey, he protested that he was innocent of the charge that had been made against him.

The girl, now fourteen years old, made a charge against her father, David H. Smith, similar to the one she made against Stephen Smith six years ago. He was arraigned in the Jamaica Police Court yesterday.

Before the arraignment, an investigation made at the direction of the district attorney showed that the charge made against her father, as well as that one made against Stephen Smith, could not be true. It was then that Assistant District Attorney Collins said that he would aid any effort to obtain the release of the man convicted six years ago.

PUTS HER DEAD BABY ON DOORSTEP AND FLEES

Well-Gowned Woman Leaves Note
Saying She'll Be Found
In River.

Pittsburg, Pa., August 13.—An unidentified and well-gowned woman walked through Pittsburg with her baby tucked in a dainty market basket. Coming to a river neighborhood on North Side, she sat on a stoop for half an hour and told the woman of the house that she had been in poor health and was exhausted from carrying the basket. Then she went in, but the housewife went indoors, but watching her through the window, saw her write a note and drop it in the basket, after which she disappeared, leaving the basket behind.

The note said: "Please be kind to my baby. I am in the river; if you want the owner, watch A. B." The baby had been dead for probably two hours and the body was slightly bruised on the chest and neck.

The police dragged the river, but without results.

maintain that it will not come up until the next term of court, three months hence.

Funeral of Miss Hughes.
The funeral of Miss Ida Douglas Hughes, who was drowned Saturday, will take place to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock from the Second Baptist Church.

Candidates to Speak.
All candidates for nomination at the primary on September 7 will speak next Monday night at a special meeting of the Washington Ward Democratic League. The local office-seekers last week were extended an invitation by the league, and it is understood that most of them will be present.

Mr. Zudima Preaches.
Rev. Zudima, of the University of Virginia, preached yesterday at the Cowardin Avenue Christian Church. Rev. W. F. Long, the pastor, is away on his vacation.

Welcome Rain.
The rain early last night was heartily welcomed by farmers of Chesterfield county, and proved a great relief throughout the Southside to every one after a day of excessive heat and humidity.

Coming unexpectedly, the storm caught hundreds of pleasure-seekers at Forest Hill Park unawares, but most of them were willing to put up with temporary discomfort for the relief the wind and rain brought.

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